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PORT BARRE MAN SENTENCED FOR FAILURE
TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER

Failure to register as sex offender costs man 5 years in prison

Shreveport, Louisiana . . .**DARRELL SANCHEZ,** age 36, of Port Barre, Louisiana, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Tucker L. Melançon **to spend 5 years in prison, followed by 5 years of supervised release**, for failing to register as a sex offender, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced.

SANCHEZ was indicted in March and charged with one count of failure to register pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. SANCHEZ was previously convicted in California of oral copulation with a person under 16 years of age and thus required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life, no matter where he resided. However, when SANCHEZ moved to Louisiana from Nevada in January, he neglected to register as required.

U.S. Attorney Washington stated: "This sentence should serve as a warning to sex offenders who fail to register with local authorities as required by federal law. This Office will continue to seek long prison terms for those who fail to follow these laws as compliance is vitally important to protect the public, and especially children, from sex offenders who often become repeat offenders."

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the United States Marshal's Service, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Luke Walker.

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